



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Egbe et al
Attorney Docket No.: 5669
Filed: 1/9/2002
Title: Aqueous Stripping And Cleaning Composition

Serial No.: 10/042,612

Group Art Unit: 1746

Examiner: Carrillo, B

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

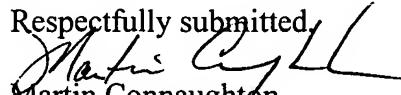
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(c)(2), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed being filed before the mailing date of any final action under section 1.113, a notice of allowance under section 1.113, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge deposit account #01-2530 the fee setforth in 37 CFR section 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art".

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Connaughton
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 33,857

ASHLAND INC.
P. O. Box 2219
Columbus, Ohio 43216

614-790-4684
Filed 2/27/02

RECEIVED
MAY 2, 2002
TC 1700

1746
#5
AB
5/8/02